Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, December 27, 1886.

The City Council met in the Clerk's office at the usual hour Present—Mayor Hodgens (in the chair) Ald Davis, Taylor, McDonald, O'Meara, Garrett, Hook, Dawson, Bartlett, Stringer, Heaman, Boyd, also deputations on behalf of the London & South Eastern Railway bonus by law, and the Trades and Labor Council.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Ald Taylor moved, seconded by Ald Stringer, that the consideration of the railway by-law be the first business. Carried.

The by law to grant permission to the London & South Eastern Railway Company to run their tracks along the north side of Bathurst street, between Burwell and Wellington, and to cross such streets as may be necessary for that purpose under specified conditions, was then read a first time

The by-law was on motion read a second time.

Upon the motion for third reading Ald. O'Meara enquired if this by-law were passed to night and the other by-law was lost what would become of this one, and if it would drop?

His Worship replied it would not of necessity, as it was decided to go on with the road, but if they were not to run on the street their hands would be tied

Mr Cronyn was heard in explanation of the matter, urging the necessity of having this by-law passed now in order that they might go on and purchase the land and complete arrangements.

Ald. Boyd spoke of the By law not being well understood by some, and thought the whole matter should be laid before the people

Mr Cronyn stated it would be published in the papers.

The By-law was then read a third time and passed

Mr. Hyman then read the statement which had been prepared in regard to the matter.

On motion the statement was adopted, and it was decided that the names of the Mayor and Aldermen be attached thereunto, and that it be published. It was as follows :—

The Joint Railway Committee of the City Council and Board of Trade desire to call your attention to the following facts in connection with the proposed bonus of $75.000 to be voted upon on Monday next, 3rd January.

THE OBJECT OF THE BONUS.

The object of the bonus is to secure for the City connection with the Canada Southern and Michigan Central Railway, and through these roads with the whole Vanderbilt system of railroads.

THE MEANS PROPOSED TO EFFECT INDEPENDENT CONNECTION WITH THE VANDERBILT SYSTEM.

The Grand Trunk Railway having faithfully carried out their promise to grant independent running powers to the Canada Southern Railway over the London & Port Stanley Railway, between the City of St Thomas and the City of London, upon fair and equitable terms, it is proposed to use the bonus of $75,000 or such portion of it as may be necessary for the purpose of acquiring terminals, and building Passenger and Freight Depots and a Round House for the use of the Canada Southern Railway so long as they have running powers over the London & Port Stanley Railway

To carry into effect the objects of the promoters, three agreements have been made :—

1. An agreement between the Grand Trunk R. R. and the Canada Southern R. R. as to running powers over the London & Port Stanley lines.

2. An agreement between the Canada Southern Railway and the London & South-eastern Railway.

3. An agreement between the London & South-eastern Railway and the City of London, carrying out certain provisions of the By-law.

1. The terms of the agreement between the Grand Trunk R. R. and the Canada Southern Railway provide:—That the Canada Southern R R shall have running powers over the London & Port Stanley R. R., between the City of St. Thomas and Bathurst street, in the City of London, with the privilege of running their trains and operating the same as a part of their own railroad.